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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shinichi HARA et al.

Application No.: 09/818,625

Filed: March 28, 2001

For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS, GAS REPLACEMENT) June 20, 2003
METHOD, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE :
MANUFACTURING METHOD, SEMICONDUCTOR)
MANUFACTURING FACTORY, AND EXPOSURE :
APPARATUS MAINTENANCE METHOD)

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LETTER TRANSMITTING CORRECTED FORMAL DRAWINGS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are two (2) formal drawing sheets, Figures 3 and 13, to be substituted for the corresponding drawing sheets currently on file in the above-identified application.

Figures 3 and 13 incorporate the changes requested by Applicants in a Request for Approval of Drawing Changes filed on February 28, 2003, which were subsequently approved by the Examiner in the Office Action dated March 21, 2003.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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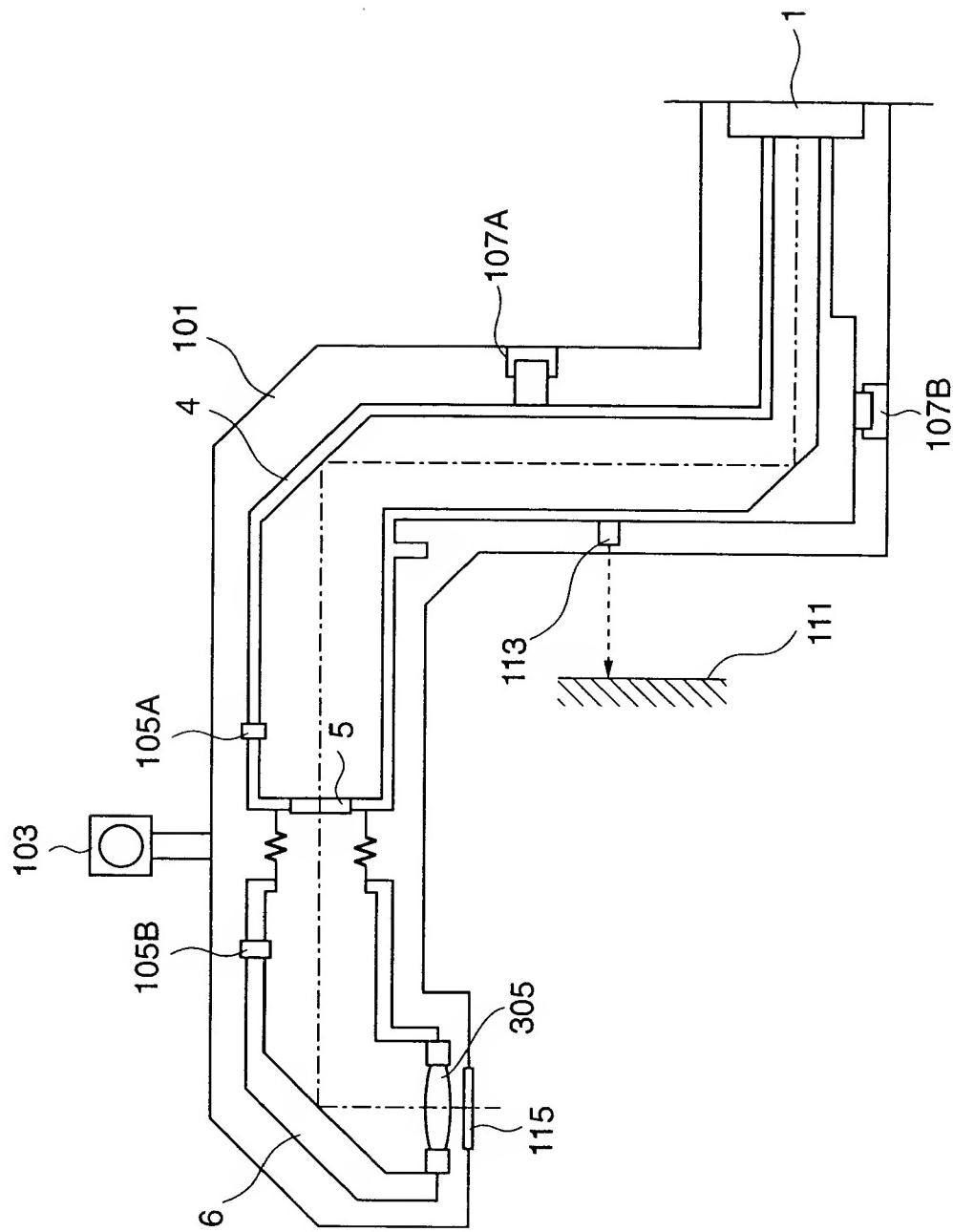
FIG. 3



FIG. 13

